

--110. An alpha-amylase variant having the sequence SEQ. ID. # 2 wherein at least one of amino acid residues I428-A435 has been substituted in a manner to modify the calcium stability of the alpha-amylase before said substitution.

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--111. An alpha-amylase variant having the sequence SEQ. ID. # 2 wherein at least one of amino acid residues T297-L308 has been substituted in a manner to modify the calcium stability of the alpha-amylase before said substitution.

--112. An alpha-amylase variant having the sequence SEQ. ID. # 2 wherein at least one of amino acid residues F403-V409 has been substituted in a manner to improve the calcium stability of the alpha-amylase before said substitution.--

REMARKS

Consideration of this application is respectfully requested. By the present amendment, the claims of US Patent No. 5,763,385 are copied for purposes of provoking an interference. The amendment to the specification is supported at pp.

8 (lines 30-32); pp. 65 (lines 21-31); pp. 67 (lines 1-2) and in the Figures themselves.

The amendment to the claims is supported *inter alia* at pp. 22-23, 24 and 39-40.

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